

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.334**

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TO:	The Honorable William Mescher, Chairman, Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

The proposed Bill amends Section 41-35-120, as amended, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to disqualification for benefits of an insured worker under the Employment Security Law, so as to provide that leaving an employer because of the transfer of a spouse from one military assignment to another does not disqualify a person from these benefits.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Employment Security Commission

This Bill would have no direct impact on the General Fund of the State. In addition, the number of instances which may occur is unknown. The Commission reports the average unemployment claim for all state employers is \$3,150 per person paid at a rate of \$225 per week for 14 weeks. These claims are paid directly from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. These funds expenditures are not budgeted funds within the State appropriations act.

State Government

The State Budget and Control Board - Office of Human Resources (OHR) reports 14 terminations from state employment in FY 2005-06 related to military service. However, The Office cannot determine which of these terminations may have resulted from the transfer or reassignment of the employee's spouse. Based on this data, the Comptroller General indicates this Bill will have a minimal impact on the state's Unemployment Compensation Fund administered by the Comptroller General.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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